

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Third Sunday of Advent*

December 15, 2019

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Minute for Mission

Lighting the Third Advent Candle Peace

Elders Dan Robinson and Geneva Maready

Congregational Choral Call to Worship

"While We Are Waiting"

Cason, 1986

While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Opening Sentences

Elder Curt Simpson

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

All: We come to worship and rejoice.

Leader: Again, I say "rejoice!"

All: We come to worship and rejoice!

Leader: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

All: We come to worship and rejoice.

Leader: The Lord is near!

All: We come to worship and rejoice in the One who is with us!

*Hymn #100

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"



*The congregation
is asked to
remain silent
during the
prelude as a time
of prayer and
meditation.*

*"Do not be afraid;
for see - I am
bringing you
good news of
great joy for all
the people: to
you is born this
day in the city of
David a Savior,
who is the
Messiah, the
Lord."
Luke 2:10*

Today's Prayer
of Confession
was written by
Thom Shuman,
a Presbyterian
minister who
writes worship
resources on his
online blog,
Lectionay
Liturgies.



"Good news
from heaven the
angels bring,
Glad tidings to
the earth they
sing; To us this
day a child is
given, To crown
us with the joy of
heaven."

Martin Luther,
16th century
German
professor of
theology,
composer, and
Protestant
Reformer

*Unison Prayer of Confession

It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help. Forgive us, God who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God does not remember our sins, but does remember the promises which have been made to us. God does not shame us, but lifts us to new life.

All: Lead us in your hope, O God, and teach us your love. You are the God of our days, we wait for you to come to us. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

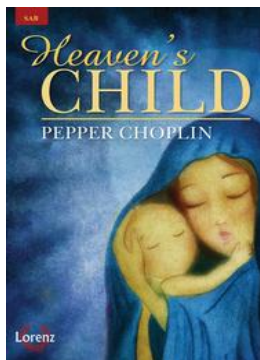
Children's Sermon

Christmas Cantata

"Heaven's Child"

by Pepper Choplin

(see insert for words and music)



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*"For to us a child
is born, to us a
son is given; and
the government
shall be upon his
shoulders, and
his name shall
be called
Wonderful,
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace."
Isaiah 9:6*

*"May the God of
hope fill you with
all joy and peace
in believing, so
that you may
abound in hope
by the power of
the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13*



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn #134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

*Benediction

Congregational Choral Benediction

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Spiritual, 19th century
*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

+The page number in the pew Bible.



ADVENT WREATHS

These Wreaths were bought for the Church during Advent Season and given in honor and memory of the following loved ones by the names listed below.

In memory of Anthony DiDomenico

Given by Charley & Harriet Farrior

In memory of our Fathers..Ben Hanson & Lowell Rasmussen

Given by Dean & Gerri Hanson

In memory of Lacey Elizabeth Johnson

Given by Tommy & Mary Glyn Johnson

In memory of our parents Flora Long & Bill & Gertrude Vanderwel

Given by David & Brenda Long

In memory of Joe Williams

Given by Danielle, Jim, Elizabeth & James Sills

In grateful memory for Philip Longest

Given by Georgia Longest & family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edward F. Johnston, Sr., and The Rev. Edward F. Johnston, Jr.

Given by C.J. & Dotsi Caproni

In memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, Sr.

Given by Dan &Tanya Robinson

In memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, Jr.

Given by Dan &Tanya Robinson

In memory of Ruth Vann

Given by Dan &Tanya Robinson



The Chrismon Tree is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harry "Toots" Carlton and William "Bill" Saunders.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Choir Christmas Cantata
Monday, December 16	1:00 pm Disaster Recovery Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:15 pm Presbyterians Dining Together- Mad Boar
Tuesday, December 17	6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304
Wednesday, December 18	No Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, December 19	12:05 pm Advent Worship & Luncheon

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

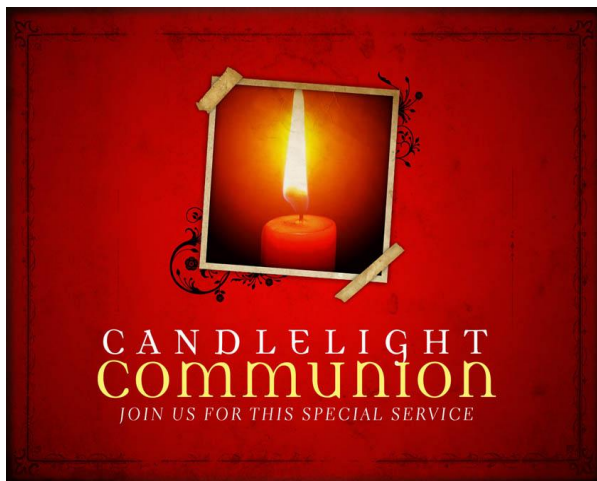
* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m., in Room 304. Elders-elect Fred Burroughs, Patsy Ludlum, and Darleen Weller will be examined for ordination and installation on Sunday, January 5. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.

* **Our third and final Advent Worship and Luncheon** will be Thursday, December 19, at 12:05 p.m. Special Music: Randy Bittner. Speaker: Dr. James Graham. Thank you to our Worship and Music Ministry Team, the Presbyterian Women, and our musicians for another wonderful series of Advent worship.

* **We extend our Christian love and sympathy** to the family of Lee Woodard on his death on December 7.



The poinsettias in the sanctuary for the month of December are given in loving memory of Jane Currie Barenborg by her husband Bill Barenborg and their children MaryBeth, Bill and Kristen. Jane is the granddaughter of William Currie, for whom the Currie Building is named.



**Join us Christmas Eve
For a
Candlelight
Communion Service
Tuesday,
December 24, 2019
7:00 PM**



12/15: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse
 12/22: Nell Sloan & Madelyn Coombs

USHERS
THIS MONTH

Dan Robinson, Leader
 Harvey Knowles
 Cameron Lee
 Chuck Farrisor
 Joyce Ange



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/15: Ayden & Camryn Fussell
 12/22: Madelyn & Robert Coombs



GREETERS

12/15: Joey Fussell & Georgia Longest
 12/22: Rick & Nettie Batchelor

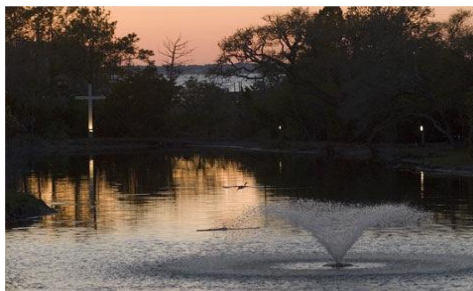
Opening Church Building

December 16-31: David Long



Andrea Casteen (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Obbie Clemmons** (recovering from hip surgery), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone's brother), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Shella Farrisor** (recovering from surgery) **George Hatch** (cancer treatments), **Family of Erin Sanderson Haux** who died on 11/19 (long-time friend of Gerri Hanson), **Judy Holley Family**, **Hill Lanier**, **Frank Lettieri**, (cancer treatments), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), **Judy Robinson**, **Rodney Rogerson** (Kidney Transplant, friend of Nell Sloan), **Joe Tillman**, (chemotherapy treatments), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Andy Wells** (Headmaster at HCA-Neuromyelitis Optica), **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Lee Woodard family**, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne. William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).

(When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off)



2020 SOUND RETREAT!!
**“All in the Family,
 Problem Children and
 Sibling Rivalries in
 the book of Genesis”**

January 31 - February 2, 2020, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome!

The upcoming Retreat has great news, all Youth attending the Retreat will be **FREE!**

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Dr. George Anderson, Senior Minister of Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC. It will be a stimulating and exciting time! Watch the church's bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat!



Dr. George Anderson



Rachel Whaley Doll

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Ministry Team has received families for this year. St. Nicholas Project family and gift information is located on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry of our church and sharing the love of Christ with others.

If you would like to participate in this project by buying a gift:

- * Select and remove a labeled ornament tag or tags from the tree on the bulletin board.
- * Wrap the gift and tape the labeled ornament tag on the wrapped gift.
- * Place wrapped and labeled gifts in the box beneath the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- * Bring gifts to the church by Sunday, December 22.

If you would like to make a donation to the St. Nicholas Fund:

- Please place a check, designated for "St. Nicholas Fund", in the offering plate.
- Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by Sunday, December 22.

Please join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas.

The date and time will be announced.

Merry Christmas

Heaven's Child

Pepper Choplin

Prologue

Come, Prepare the Way

Come and listen to the prophet's call: "Ready to receive the Lord of all." Lift your heads and look above, He will come with light and love. Join in the celebration as we say: "Come, prepare the way." Come and listen to the prophet's call: "Ready to receive the Lord of all. Come rise and make the highway straight. Make the roughest places plain." Join in the celebration as we say: "Come, prepare the way." As the men of old have long foretold, the holy One will come to earth. Since the ancient days, people hoped and prayed, and soon will come the long-awaited day. Prepare the way! Rise and see, the Lord is drawing nigh. Worship Him, the mighty King on high. We're ready for His coming, we're ready to receive Him, we're ready to adore Him, Christ the Lord. Lift your heads and look above, He will come with light and love. Join in the celebration as we say, "Come, prepare the way." Come prepare the way of the Lord.

Angels Coming Down to Earth

Angels coming down to earth, bringing words from heaven: "There shall come a holy Child, and you shall call Him, Jesus." Angels coming down to earth, bringing words from heaven: "Glory to God and peace on earth, for He is Christ, the Lord." "Fear not, I come to you, for you have found favor with God. You shall conceive a holy Child and you shall call Him, Jesus." "Joseph, take Mary to be your wife, she carries a holy Child. She will bring forth a firstborn Son and He is the Son of God, the Son of God." Angels coming down to earth, pointing the way to heaven. Glory to God and peace on earth, for He is Christ, the Lord. Rise up my soul and rejoice in the word of the Lord. Rise up my soul, and magnify the Lord with my heart, with my voice rise up, magnify the Lord. Rise up, magnify the Lord. Angels coming down to earth, bringing words from heaven.

Heaven's Child

Heaven's Child was there from the beginning, one with God in perfect unity. Then heaven's Child was sent to live among humanity. Heaven's Child, begotten by the Father, there conceived in sinless purity. The seed of love was planted into human frailty in heaven's Child. From holy love, the Child was sent as the only Son, God's only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall never die, but will have everlasting life. Heaven breathed this life into existence in a world of lost humanity. So, heaven's Child was placed into the human family for a while. He was heaven's Child. Stay with us for a while, heaven's Child.

Newborn Cry

The silent moon in shining, but suddenly silence breaks. Now, there's work to be done 'til the morning sun for a Child is on the way, a Child is on the way. The mother is strong, and the baby is born, He draws His very first breath. And He sings it strong, the newborn song of life and joyfulness. Sing it strong, the newborn song, cry the newborn cry. Raise your voice and say to the world, "I am here, I am safe, I am alive!" The Child cries out in a musical voice, beginning a brand new life. And all those around hear the beautiful sound and rejoice in the newborn cry, rejoice in the newborn cry! Now hear the silence as He sleeps upon the mother's breast. And feel the tiny heartbeat and the breathing in His chest. So treasured is the silence, so coveted is the prize, but remember the great celebration and joy when you heard the newborn cry, "I am alive!"

We Welcome You, Emmanuel

When the sound of Your tiny cry pierces the silent night, we welcome You, Emmanuel. From heaven, You come to us, christened by holiness, we welcome You, Emmanuel. We rejoice in Your holy presence now, full of grace, full of love and power, we welcome You, Emmanuel. For so long we have waited for You, now we worship and adore You, we welcome You, Emmanuel. Child of divinity, brother to humanity, we welcome You, Emmanuel. Now every heart is full, touched by the miracle, we welcome You, Emmanuel. Come among us, make our spirits new, we welcome You, Emmanuel. We welcome You, O Lord. Come, Emmanuel.

Shepherds' Gloria

Come, now and let us go to see this mighty wonder. Come, let us go and see this wonderful Child. "Glory to God," hear the angels, "Glory to God in the highest." For we have seen the angels of heaven. Let's go and see this wonderful, glorious Child. Gloria, Gloria, Glory to God on high!

Heavenly Star

Rising, shining, soaring overhead as the world goes on below. But very few will lift their eyes to see the star, heavenly star. Searching, praying, staying on the path the star leads on before. So, come and join as we seek the holy Child. We will follow the star, heavenly star. Star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy light, thy perfect light! Searching, yearning, learning, all who seek will surely one day find. And all who will search with open eyes, who will pray with open hearts, they will see the light and find the Lord.

My Eyes Have Seen the Child

My eyes have seen the Child; I've seen the Lord's salvation. The Lord has shown to me the promised holy One. My eyes have seen the Child, the revelation light. May God forever be praised, for now I may go in peace. He is veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail, the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Come and join this song we sing, "Glory to the newborn King." Behold, the Child of God; Behold, the Lord's salvation. My eyes have seen the Child; I've seen the salvation. Behold the great salvation of the Lord!

Join the Music of the Angels

Join the music of the angels, raise your voice to offer praise. Our hearts are full of adoration for the Lord has come into this place. Now we have seen the Lord's salvation, we have worshiped heaven's Child. So, we join the song of jubilation to give glory to God on high! Come with joy and sing with mirth, now the Lord has come to earth. Come celebrate His wonderful birth: Gloria! Shout for joy unto the Lord! Sound the harp and play the horn. Raise the song and make it soar:

Glory be to God on high. Gloria, sing Gloria and join the song of angels in the skies: "Glory to God on high!"

WPC Chancel Choir
Heaven's Child

Pepper Choplin, composer
Vera Simpson, accompanist
Karla Casteen, director
Philip Gladden, narrator

Clint Ayres
Lee Baker
Karen Bittner
Randy Bittner
Lou Brinkley
Linda Burroughs
Wayne Casteen
Zach Casteen

Sandy Cobb
Madelyn Coombs
Lou DiDomenico
Ginny Fountain
Susie Gaus
Michelle Longest
Jean Parks
Donna Pigford

Joyce Rau
David Sanderson
Curt Simpson
Chuck Slemenda
Earleene
Southerland
Carol Steen
Emily Wells
Jan Zoesch

Carnegie Hall Choir

Heather Bridgers
Karla Casteen
Wayne Casteen
Sandy Cobb
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